

*A new Diurnall of Passages more exactly drawing up
then heretofore.*

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Since many Diurnall (for which we are grieved)
Are come from both Houses, and are not believ'd:
The better to help them for running and lying
We have put them in Verse to authorize them lying:
For it has beene debated and found to be true,
That lying's a Parliament priviledge too.
And that they may the sooner our conquests rehearse,
We are minded to put them in galloping verse.
But so many minded sounders from Reading there came,
That in spite of the Surgeons make our verses run lame.
We have ever us'd factions, and now it is known,
Our poverty has made us poetical growne.

Monday.

On Monday both Houses fell into debate
And were likely to fall by the eares as they late,
Yet would they not have the business decided:
That they (as the kingdome is) might be divided.
They had an intention to prayre to goe,
But *extempore* prayers are now common too:
To voting they fall, and the key of the worke
Was the raising of money for the State and the Kirke,
Tis onely free loane, yet this order they make:
That what men would give they should plunder and take:
Upon this the word *plunder* came into their minds,
And all of them did labour a new one to finde.
They baptiz'd it *Disfranchising*, yet thought it no shame
To permit in the Act which they blasse for to name:
And among other Acts the Law to disfranchise
Was made by King *James*, the first yeare of his reigne.
They voted all persons from Oxford that came
Should be apprehended, and after the same
With an humble petition the King they request
Hee'd be pleas'd to returne, and be serv'd like the rest.



A Message from Oxford conducing to peace,
Came next to their hands, that armes might cease:
They voted, and voted, and still they did vary,
Till at last the whole sence of the house was contrary
To reason; they knew by their armes they might gaine
What neither true reason nor law can maintaine.
Cessation was voted a dangerous plot,
Because the King would have it, both houses would not:
But when they resolv'd it abroad must be blowne,
(To baffle the world) that the King would have none.
And carefully muzzled the mouth of the Presse,
Left the truth should peepe through their juggling dresse.
For they knew a Cessation would worke them more harmes,
Then Essex can doe the Cavaliers with his armes:
While they keepe the ships and the forts in their hand,
They may be traytors by sea as well as by land.
The forts will preserve them as long as they stay,
And the ships carry them and their plunder away.
They have therefore good reason to count war the better,
For the Law will prove to them but a killing letter.

Tuesday.

A Post from his Excellence came blowing his horn
For money to advance, and this spun out the morne:
And straight to the City some went for releefe,
The rest made an ordinance to carry powder beefe:
Thus up goe the Roundheads, and Essex advance;
But onely to lead his soldiers a dance.
To Reading he goes, for at Oxford (they say)
His wife has made bulwarkes to drive him away.
Prince Rupert for feare that the name be confounded,
Will saw off his hornes, and make him a Roundhead:
The newes was returned with generall fame,
That Reading was taken ere ever he come.
Then away rode our Captaines, and Soldiers did run,
To shew themselves valiant when the battell was done.
Preparing to plunder, but as soone as they came,
They quickly perceived that it was but a flamm,

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An Ordinance of Parliament *Essex* brought downe,
But that would not serue him to batter the towne.
Money was rais'd, more men and ammunition,
Cars loaded with Turnips and other provision;
His Excellence had chins and Rams heads for a present,
And his Conncell of war had Woodcock and Pheasant,
But *Gray* had 5000. Calves heads all in carts,
To nourish his men, and to cheare up their hearts.
This made them so valiant, that that very day
They had taken the towne but for running away.
Twas ordered this day that thanksgiving be made
To the Roundheads in Sermons for their beefe and their bread.

Wednesday.
Two Members this day at a conference sate,
And one gives the other a knock on the pate,
This set them a voting, and the upper house swore
Twas a breach of privilege he gave him no more,
The lower the breaking of *Martins* head voted,
A high breach of privilege for it is to be noted,
That treason and privilege in it did grow,
Twas a breach of his crowne and dignity too,
Then came in the women with a long long Petition,
To settle Militia and the Commission,
For if fighting continue, they said they did feare
That men would be scarce, and husbands be deare,
So plainly the Speaker the businesse untyes,
That presently all the members did rise:
They had hardly the leisure all things to lay ope,
But some felt in their bellies if they had not a Pope,
Some stilly stood to them, and others did feare
Each carried about them a fierce Cavallere,
This businesse was handled by the Close Committee,
That privately met at a place in the Ciry:
So closely to voting the Members did fell,
That the humble sisters were overthrowne all:
But they and their helpers came short at the last,
Till at length the whole work on Prince *Griffith* was cast,

And he with his Thrope did to handle the matter
He pleas'd every Woman as to be in the room, as he
The businesse had like to have gone on their side
Had not ~~the~~ perswaded them not to confide
For rather then peace, to fill the Common weale
He said hee'd doe ten every night himselfe

This day a great farr in the home they did meet
Which made the five Members make barons for meet
Sir John Wray makes 9. speeches while the battell was hot,
And spake through the nose that he smelt out the plot:
He takes it to taske, and the Articles draws,
As a breach of ~~Prims~~ fundamental Lawes,
Now Letters were read which did fully relate
A victory gainst Newcastle of late,
That hundreds were slaine, and hundreds did dye,
And all this was got ere the battell began,
This then they resolv'd to make the best on,
And next they resolv'd upon the question,
That bonafires and praies, the Pulpit and Steele,
Must all be usurped to flatter the people,
But the policy was more money to get,
For the conquest deare bought, and far enough set,
Such victories in Ireland, although it be knowne
They strive to make that ~~land~~ as bad a curse on
No sooner the money for this was brought in,
But a crowd of the Clergy came flocking together,
How ~~Hobbes~~ and ~~Paine~~ flay, and others were bent,
This made the new ~~Prims~~ to flatter and strength,
And these by all meanes must be kept from the Cause,
And onely refer'd to the Glory Committee,
And they presently with an ~~unanimous~~ vote,
Which they have used so long that they have learned by rote,
They styl'd them malignant, and so yes they did name them,
Then ~~Cerber~~ in stead of the hangman that burthens them,
And he after that an Ordinance draws,
That none should tell truth that disparagd the Cause.

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Then *Pine* like a Pegasus trots up, and downe;
And takes up an Angel to throw downe the Crowne;
He stands like a Centaure and makes a long speech,
That came from his mouth, and part from his breech:
He move for more horse, that the army may be,
Part mans flesh and horse flesh as well as he,
And hee'l be a Colonell as well as another,
But durst not ride a horse, cause a horse rid his mother.

Friday.

Sir *Hugh Cholmely* for being no longer a traitor
Was accused of treason in the highest nature,
'Cause he (as they bade him) his soldiers did bring
To turne from rebellion and fight for the King;
They voted him out, but nor he nor their men
Could vowe him backe into the House agen.
Sir *Davies Remonstrance* next to them was read,
From the Cities Round-body, and /*sunk*/ the head;
Twas approv'd, but one clause produc'd a deniall,
That all traitors be brought to a legall triall,
For tis agunst reason to vote or doe
Agunst traitors, when they are no other but so.
Because about nothing so long they sit still,
They hold it convenient Diurnall to fill,
And therefore they gave their Chronographer charge,
To stuffe it with Orders and Letters at large,
The King by's prerogative nor by the law
Can speake nor print nothing his people to draw,
Yet pennilesse Pamphlets they doe mainmaine,
Whose onely religion is stipendiary guine,
Yet *can* privilege agunst King and the State,
The treason that's taught them (like *Parrus*) they prate,
These Hackneyes are beene'd where ever they doe,
As if they had a Parliament priviledge too,
Thus then they consult, so reason they are
To fercle the peace of the kingdom by war,
But agunst civill war their hatred is such,
To prevent it, they'l bring in the Scots and the Dutch,
They had rather the Land be destroy'd in a minute,

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Then abide any thing that has civility in it,
And yet their rebellion so nearly they trim,
They fight for the King, but they meane for king *Pim?*
These armies to fight for, and maintaine are sent
The Lawes of England, but New-England is meant:
And though such disorders are broke in of late,
They keepe it the Anagram Kill of a State:
Fo till they are plotting such riches to bring
To make *Charles* a rich and a glorious King:
And by this rebellion this good they will doe him,
They'l forfeit all their estates unto him.
No Clergy must meddle in spirituall affaires,
But *Laynes* we're heard of it, having lost his cares,
For that he might be deafe to the prisoners cries,
To a spirituall Gaolers place he must rise,
The rest have good reason for what they shall doe,
For they are both Clergy and Laity too,
Or else at the best when the question is stated,
They are but mechanicks newly translated.
They may be Committees to practise their bawling,
For stealing of hories is spirituall calling,
The reason why people our Martyrs adore,
'Cause their eares being cut off, their same sounds the more.
Twas ordered the goods of Malignants and lands
Shall be shar'd among them and took into their hands.
They have sent spirits for more malignant to come,
That every one in the house may have some,
Kimbalton and *Sny*, and the rest of the *Scrowles*,
That have melancholy looks but sanguine soules,
Doe now by pretences to rebellion draw
To maintaine the Law, but they meane the Club-law.
Then downe to *Guildhall* they returne their thanks
To the fooles whom the Lottery has cheated with banks.

Saturday.

This day there came newes of the taking a ship,
(To see what strange wonders are wrought in the deepe)
That a troop of their horse ran into the Sea,
And puld out a ship alive to the Key,

And

And after much prating and fighting, they say,
The Ropes serv'd for traces to draw her away,
Sure these were Sea-horses, or else by their lying
They'd make them as famous for swimming as flying.
The rest of the day they went to demone
Their brother the Roundhead that to Tyburne was gone,
And could not but think it a barbarous thing
To hang him for killing a friend to the King.
He was newly baptiz'd, and he said it was good
To be wash'd, yet not in water, but blood.
They order'd for him, but to cut off his eares,
And make him a Mute, but a Zealot appears.
And affirm'd he was a Martyr, for although twas his fate
To be hang'd, yet he dy'd for the good of the State.
Then all fell to plotting, and matters to deape,
That the silent Speaker fell downe far off,
He recovers himselfe, and looks up his eyes,
Then motions the House that twas time to rise.
So home they went all, and their businesse refer'd
To the Close Committee by them to be heard.
They took it upon them, but what they did doe
Take notice that some but themselves must know.

Postscript.

THus far we have gone in rhyme to disclose
What never was utter'd by any in prose.
If any be wanting, twas by a minnap,
Because we forgot to write by the Map,
For over the king some their orders are forc'd
They have made the whole body as big as the head,
And now made such work, that all that they doe
Is but to read Letters, and answer them for.
We thought to make *Finis*, the end of the story,
But that we shall have more businesse for you,
For (as their proceedings doe) so shall our pen,
Run roundly from Monday to Monday agen,
And since we have begun, our Muse doth intend
To have (like their votes) no beginning, nor
End.

